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NSPG Meeting on DoD Nuclear Weapons-Related Facilities, August 2, 1985. (C)

Manual There will be a Mational Security Planning Group meeting on DoD nuclear weapons-related facilities for Friday, August 2 at 10:15

Invitations to attendees will be separately transmitted. The agenda for the meeting is attached.

**Executive Secretary** 

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NATIONAL SECURITY POLICY GROUP MEETING

Friday, August 2, 1985

Cabinet Room

10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

## SECURITY AT DOD NUCLEAR WEAPONS-RELATED FACILITIES

### Agenda

I. Introduction

Robert C. McFarlane (2 minutes)

Secretary Weinberger (20 minutes)

II. Security at DOD Facilities

Briefing on this subject by Briefing on this subject by Dr. Richard Wagner

III. Discussion

All participants (35 minutes)

Robert C. McFarlane (3 minutes)

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SUBJECT:

NSC Meeting on Security at U.S. Nuclear Weapons-Related Facilities, August 2, 1985. (C)

The National Security Council meeting to discuss the status of security at U.S. nuclear weapons-related facilities in the U.S. and abroad, has been rescheduled for Friday, August 2 at 10:15 a.m. in the Cabinet Room

Agency principal plus one are invited. The agenda for the meeting is attached.

> William F. Martin Executive Secretary

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## NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING Friday, August 2, 1985 Cabinet Room 10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

### ANNUAL REVIEW SECURITY AT NUCLEAR WEAPONS-RELATED FACILITIES

### Agenda

I.	Introduction	Robert C. McFarlane (2 minutes)
II.	Security at DOE Facilities  Briefing on this subject by General William Hoover (Ret.)	Secretary Herrington (20 minutes)
III.	Security at DOD Facilities Briefing on this subject by Dr. Richard Wagner	Secretary Weinberger (20 minutes)
IV.	Discussion	All participants (15 minutes)
v.	Summary	Robert C. McFarlane (3 minutes)

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The Director of Central Intelligence Washington, D.C. 20505

National Intelligence Council

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM:

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NSC Meeting on Status of Security at US Nuclear

Weapons-Related Facilities in the US and Abroad

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- 1. You are scheduled to attend the annual NSC meeting (principal plus one) chaired by the President at 1100 hours Friday, 2 August 1985. Two meetings have been held in the past on this subject. At the 10 June 1983 NSC meeting, a decision was made to strengthen the White House role in monitoring and overseeing programs concerning the security of US nuclear weapons facilities. As part of this effort, it was also decided that an annual status briefing on site security would be given to the President by DoD/DOE. The last annual presentation was on 22 May 1984. Friday's meeting is expected to consist of:
  - -- An introduction by Mr. McFarlane.
  - -- A 20-minute status briefing by General Hoover of DOE.
  - -- A 20-minute status briefing by Dr. Richard Wagner, Assistant Secretary of Defense (Atomic Energy).
  - -- A 20-minute discussion period.
- 2. I have prepared talking points that describe current Community thinking on the likelihood of a terrorist attack on nuclear weapons storage sites in Western Europe (TAB A), the most likely area where terrorists might target such facilities. Despite the dramatic increase in worldwide terrorism, we do not see at this time a direct correlation with an increased threat to nuclear storage sites. Nevertheless, as you are aware, we are undertaking a national assessment which will address numerous issues related

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to the subject,	including the capabilities of terrorist groups to acquire	
modern weapons.		25X1
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### DCI Talking Points

### Terrorist Threat to Nuclear Weapons Sites in Western Europe

- There is currently no intelligence reporting to suggest that any terrorist group is either considering or planning any kind of attack against nuclear weapons storage sites. Nevertheless, some terrorist groups retain the capability to act against nuclear sites.
- The West German Red Army Faction (RAF) is the only known group that has in the past demonstrated a capability to conduct the kind of sophisticated attack that would be required to penetrate a site and seize nuclear devices. The RAF, weakened in the past by arrests, has nevertheless been able to rebuild itself and participate in a series of terrorist attacks across northern Europe over the last year. It currently has the capability to conduct a stand-off attack to dramatize the potential vulnerability of US weapons storage sites, embarrass the host government, and/or boost its own reputation should it choose to do SO.
- Both antinuclear protest organizations and terrorist groups in Western Europe probably appreciate that even an unsuccessful attack on a site could complicate US nuclear policy and deployment strategy throughout Europe. A temporary "marriage of convenience" between these groups would pose a security problem. Antinuclear groups are strong on motivation and committed personnel, while even depleted terrorist groups have both the necessary weapons and tactical expertise to select a target and organize an attack. However, we have no current intelligence to suggest that such a marriage between antinuclear activists and any terrorist group is being planned.
- What may be the first self-styled ecological terrorist group--the "Peace Conquerors"--has emerged in Belgium in the past few weeks and could pose a potential, if extremely low-level, threat. Communiques have criticized mainstream ecological protest groups for failing to turn to violence. The only credible attack the group has claimed so far was the 22 June bombing of the Brussels offices of the West German chemical firm Bayer in protest of ocean dumping practices. While nothing is yet known concerning the membership of the Peace Conquerors, nor even whether the group has carried out the attacks it has claimed (it has also taken credit for the Frankfurt airport bombing, but police discount this claim), such a group might have the motivation and could perhaps develop the capability to conduct a nuisance attack on a storage site.
- Demonstrations will continue to occur against INF deployment, but on a smaller scale, since many of the deployment milestones have now been passed. So far, European authorities have been able to defuse, contain, or control violence associated with opposition to the deployments.

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Western European governments in general probably will also continue their tough antiterrorist policies, vigorous police efforts, and growing cooperation with the United States. These activities will continue to inhibit the major terrorist groups.	25X1
 The increasing spillover of Middle Eastern terrorism into Western Europe raises the possibility of a new threat to US nuclear storage sites. Radical Shia and radical Palestinian elements have demonstrated their ability to conduct limited clandestine operations, including terrorist actions, in Western Europe without detection, and they could see an attack on a nuclear site as a way to further demonstrate their power to strike at the United States. There is no evidence, however, indicating that any Middle Eastern group has targeted nuclear sites, and we judge	
 they are unlikely to do so. Middle Eastern terrorist operations in Europe continue to focus on vulnerable targets of opportunity, and most of their attacks are against other Middle Eastern governments or groups.  In sum, the Intelligence Community reaffirms the judgments of the 1982 SNIE that the probability any foreign terrorist group will attempt to acquire nuclear weapons is very low to low and that the probability of standoff attacks against nuclear sites is only slightly higher.	
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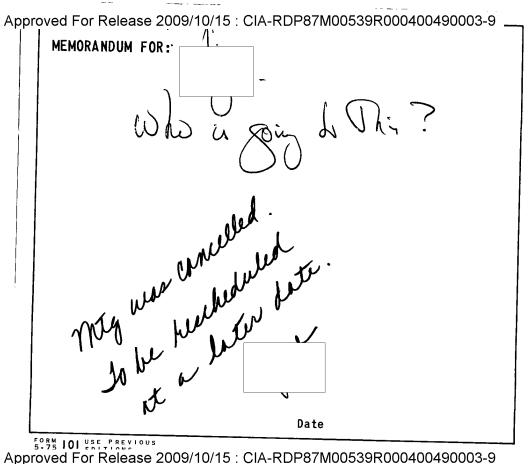
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